

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1-11. (CANCELLED)

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for setting up a communication link from a first telecommunication device over a telecommunication network to a second telecommunication device, comprising:

storing in the telecommunication network multimedia objects assigned to a first telecommunication subscriber, each multimedia object having a corresponding reference number;

defining an assignment mapping using at least one data set which specifies assignment of a specific call recipient to a specific reference number of a specific multimedia object;

sending a connection setup request from the telecommunication device assigned to the first telecommunication subscriber to the telecommunication network which specifies that a communication link from the first telecommunication device to a second telecommunication device assigned to a second telecommunication subscriber is to be set up;

determining the corresponding reference number specified for the second telecommunication subscriber based on the assignment mapping;

transmitting, from the telecommunication network to the second telecommunication device, an identified multimedia object assigned to the corresponding reference number;

playing back the identified multimedia object on the second telecommunication device.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 12,
wherein said determining of the corresponding reference number for the second telecommunication subscriber is performed by the first telecommunication device, and
wherein said method further comprises:

storing the assignment mapping in the first telecommunication device, and

after said determining of the corresponding reference number for the second telecommunication subscriber, transmitting the corresponding reference number from the first telecommunication device to the telecommunication network prior to said transmitting of the identified multimedia object to the second telecommunication device.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 12, further comprising storing the assignment mapping in the telecommunication network, and
wherein said determining of the corresponding reference number is performed by the telecommunication network.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 12, wherein said determining indicates a predetermined reference number of a predetermined multimedia object if no data record is present in the assignment mapping for the second telecommunication subscriber.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 12, further comprising storing in the second telecommunication device a first subscriber multimedia object related to the first telecommunication subscriber, and
wherein said transmitting of the identified multimedia object from the telecommunication network to the second telecommunication device only if the corresponding reference number of the first subscriber multimedia object stored on the second telecommunication device does not match the corresponding reference number of the identified multimedia object.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 16, further comprising prior to said transmitting of the identified multimedia object:

transmitting from the telecommunication network to the second telecommunication device the corresponding reference number of the identified multimedia object; and

comparing the corresponding reference number of the identified multimedia object with the corresponding reference number of the first subscriber multimedia object stored on the second telecommunication device to determine whether the identified multimedia object is present on the second telecommunication device; and

after said comparing, returning a message from the second telecommunication device to the telecommunication network indicating whether the corresponding reference number of the

first subscriber multimedia object matches the corresponding reference number of the identified multimedia object.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 12, wherein the multimedia objects assigned to the first telecommunication subscriber have associated therewith a storage authorization specification indicating whether the multimedia objects assigned to the first telecommunication subscriber may be stored on the second telecommunication device after said transmitting thereof.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 12, wherein the multimedia objects include at least one of a picture and tone information.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 12, wherein at least one of the first and second telecommunication devices is one of a mobile radio device, a mobile telephone, a computer with radio module and a landline telephone.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method according to claim 12, wherein the telecommunication network is at least one of a public fixed line telephone network and a mobile radio network which operating according to at least one of the Global System for Mobile communication and Universal Mobile Telecommunications System standard.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A telecommunication system, comprising:
first and second telecommunication devices connected via a telecommunication network, the first telecommunication device setting up a communication link to the second telecommunication device via the telecommunication network using a method in accordance with one of claims 12 to 21.